Sector



PATENT 450100-02918

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants

Masato SHIMAKAWA et al.

Serial No.

09/749,345

Filed

December 27, 2000

For

SPEECH SYNTHESIZING APPARATUS, SPEECH

SYNTHESIZING METHOD, AND RECORDING MEDIUM

Art Unit

2641

745 Fifth Avenue New York, New York 10151 Tel. (212) 588-0800

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231, on April 13, 2001

Gordon Kessler, Reg. No. 38,511

Name of Applicant, Assignee or Registered Representative

Signature

April 13, 2001

Date of Signature

COMMUNICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Attn: Box Missing Parts Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application" (form PTO-1533) dated February 20, 2001 on the above application, a Declaration duly signed by the inventors, and a check in the amount of the required \$130.00 surcharge. By separate cover, we are filing the Assignment and the \$40.00 fee for recording same.

PATENT 450100-02918

Please charge any additional fees incurred or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the identified application is now complete. Early examination of the application on its merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

FROMMER LAWRENCE & HAUG LLP Attorneys for Applicants

Ordon Kessler

Reg. No. 38,511 Tel. (212) 588-0800

Enclosure



United States Patent and Trademark Office

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 2023I
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NUMBER

FILING/RECEIPT DATE

FIRST NAMED APPLICANT

ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER

09/749,345

12/27/2000

Masato Shimakawa

450100-02918

CONFIRMATION NO. 5389

FORMALITIES LETTER

OCOOOOOO5776906

William S. Frommer, Esq. FROMMER LAWRENCE & HAUG LLP 745 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10151

Date Mailed: 02/20/2001

NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

A copy of this notice <u>MUST</u> be returned with the reply.

Customer Service Center

Initial Patent Examination Division (703) 308-1202

04/18/2001 MLAKEW1 00000034 09749345

PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

01 FC:105

130.00 OP